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It is needless to say that the editing is learned and illuminating, or to lay further stress on the obvious importance of this work.

THE WOODS-McAFEE MEMORIAL CONTAINING AN ACCOUNT OF JOHN WOODS AND JAMES McAFEE OF IRELAND AND THEIR DESCENDANTS IN AMERICA. Copiously illustrated with maps drawn expressly for this work and embellished with one hundred and fifty handsomely engraved portraits, scenes, etc. By Rev. Neander M. Woods, D.D., LL. D., with an Introduction by Hon. Reuben T. Durrett A. M. LL. D., of Louisville Ky., President of the Filson Club. In which, besides considerable new matter bearing on Virginia and Kentucky history, will be found mention of the families of Adams, Alexander, Armstrong, Bebee, Boone, Borden, Bowyer, Bruce, Buchanan, Butler, Caperton, Campbell, Clark, Coates, Crawford, Curry, Daingerfield, Daviess, Dedman, Duncan, Dunn, Durrett, Forsyth, Foster, Gachet, Gooch, Goodloe, Goodwin, Guthrie, Hale, Haines, Henderson, Johnston, Lapsley, Macfarlane, Macgowen, McGoffin, McAfee, McDowell, McKamey, Phillips, Reed, Rickenbaugh, Rogers, Royster, Shelby, Sampson, Speed, Suddarth, Taylor, Todd, Thompson, Warner, Wade, Walker, Wallace, White, Williamson, Woods, Word, Wylie, Young and five hundred others as will be seen by the index. Also some hitherto unpublished documents which constitute a valuable contribution to the pioneer History of Virginia and Kentucky. Louisville, Ky. Journal Job Printing Co., 1905. pp. xiii, 507.

Of all the Scotch-Irish genealogies which have been recently so much to the fore, this volume is easily the largest and most elaborate. Its size and contents are well indicated by the title, and the work of preparation and compilation seems to have been done with the care and thoroughness which should characterize such a work.

It treats primarily of Michael Woods, a native of the north of Ireland who in 1734, settled close under the Blue Ridge, in Albemarle County, Virginia; and of James McAfee, also a Scotch-Irishman, who about 1746, settled on Catawba Creek, then in Augusta, and now in Roanoke County, and of their descendants. No pains have been spared to obtain as far as possible, the minutest details of the life of the pioneers, who were winning the great West, and the various lines of their descendants, as well as of the Wallaces, descended from Michael Woods' sister are traced with the same fullness and care.

Valuable as the book is, considered as a genealogy, it is of greater value as a contribution to the history of the settlement of the Western frontier of Virginia, and of Kentucky. In 1734, Michael Woods was the most western resident of what is now Albemarle County. This alone makes him of interest. The especial claim of the McAfees to eminence in pioneering history is given in full in the Chapter entitled "Tour of the

McAfee Company to Kentucky in the Summer of 1773, and what it meant for the actual settlement of Kentucky." The McAfees appear to have attempted the first permanent settlement in "The Dark and Bloody Ground."

The illustrations from photographs are especially interesting.

They include views of Wood's (now Jarman's) Gap; the farm of Michael Woods on James River in Botetourt Co.; Cumberland Gap, Waseoto Gap, Ky.; McAfee's Spring on Salt River, Ky.; a sketch of Boone's Trace, near Pineville, Ky.; Kentucky River at the mouth of Drennon's Creek; Cumberland Mountain near Cumberland Gap, view on the Cumberland river, Kentucky river at its mouth, and other places of note in the early westward movement, and along the route to Kentucky.

A very important and unique feature of THE WOODS-McAFEE MEMORIAL, is the series of maps, specially drawn for the purpose to illustrate the settlement of the Western portion of Virginia, and early routes to the West. These are (1) Vicinity of Charlottesville, Va., showing sites of houses of settlers between that place and the Blue Ridge; (2) Map of Kentucky, &c., to illustrate the homeward route of the McAfee Company in August, 1773, and also the routes of the Walker (1750), Gist (1751) and Boone's Trace; (3) Route of the McAfee Company, July-Aug., 1773, from Botetourt Co., Va., to Central Kentucky; (4) Map of Long Hunters Road, &c., of the Wilderness Road and Boone's Trace; (5) Portions of Mercer and adjoining counties in Kentucky, illustrating the route of the McAfee Company; (6) Map of "The Parting of the Ways," near Draper's Meadow, Va., with various old roads and trails, houses, &c.; (7) Map of Southwestern Virginia, Southeastern Kentucky and Northeastern Tennessee, illustrating various expeditions, routes, &c., and the settlement of the West, 1750-1800. These maps greatly facilitate the study of the history of the frontier.

Dr. Woods and his collaborators have made a valuable addition to history and genealogy.

SONS OF THE DESCENDANTS OF SAMUEL CONVERSE, JR., of Thompson Parish, Killingly, Conn. Major James Converse, Woburn, Mass; Hon. Denman Allen, M. C., of Milton and Burlington, Vt.; Captain Jonathan Bixby, Sr., of Killingly, Conn. Compiled and Edited by Charles Allen Converse, 2 vols. Eben P:nam, Publisher, Boston, Mass., pp. xix, 961. Copiously illustrated.

Rarely has there been published a work on American genealogy as sumptuous and beautiful as this. And what is of much higher importance the genealogical work contained in these two handsome volumes shows evidence of the greatest skill and thoroughness. No time nor money was evidently spared in obtaining all possible information in regard to the families treated in this book.